REMARKS

In response to the notice of non-compliance, Applicants have canceled claims 1-6 and added claims 7-24. No new matter has been added. As explained in the previously filed response, the English translation filed on January 7, 2005 (along with a Preliminary Amendment including claims 1-6) was filed in error. The corrected English translation was filed on January 4, 2006 (with a Preliminary Amendment), and included claims 1-18 (corresponding to claims 7-24 in this amendment).

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 449122078900.

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